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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Jean-Claude Thienard

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For: WIPER BLADE CONNECTING ELEMENT  
COMPRISING A HOLLOW, OPEN-TOPPED  
HOUSING

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and  
consider the included remarks.